Midd. Coll. Jany 10, 1823.

Rev. & dear Sir,

I was greatly disappointed in not meeting you at Rutland; as I wished to converse with you on several important subjects. One of these, relating to a College difficulty of which you have probably heard something, is of too delicate a nature to admit any communication concerning it, at present, by letter. You will probably receive notice of a special meeting of the Corporation, at the commencement of the next College term. Such a meeting must be called, unless Prof. Hall should prevent the necessity.

I write, at present, principally to inform you, that I have received such assurances from the Directors of the A. E. Society, of aid to the Branch, as removes all fear of embarrassment. I am assured, that they will support from 20 to 30 Beneficiaries for us immediately, if necessary. This fact ought not perhaps to be generally known. But, I think, the Com^{ee} should use it with prudence in conversation with such ministers, as will not be induced by it, to relax their exertions for the funds of our Branch. We may without hesitation say to every pious young man of talents, who wishes to obtain an education for the ministry; "Commence your studies; make your application to the Com^{ee} &c. & you shall receive all necessary aid." Are there not some young men of this description in your vicinity, who will immediately repair to Castleton & commence their studies? Will you make inquiries, as you shall judge prudent; especially in the towns below you?

The best course for us to pursue will unquestionably be, to receive them as beneficiaries of the Branch, & then turn over all, whom our funds will not support to the Parent Society. We have already recommended two of our present number; & shall probably, at the commencement of next term, recommend 5 or 6 more. — In the mean time, it becomes us to do what we can to increase the resources of the Branch. You are, I hope, satisfied with our Travelling Agent, Mr. Crane. He seems to be doing well. He is now at the North; but will soon be in Rutland county. — Sec.ry Huntington is out, collecting grain &c for board in this vicinity.

If you have any thing to suggest for our ann.l Report, I should be glad to receive a comm.n from you soon. Our ann.l meet.g, you see, is to be holden at Granville, on the fourth Wed.y of Feb.y. I hope nothing will occur to prevent your attendance. — Will the Evangelical Soc.y be prepared & disposed to transfer their funds?

With sentiments of respect, your friend
& brother,

Rev. W. Jackson.

Joshua Bates,

P. S. Please to make my respects to Mrs. J. & the young ladies, — to Sam.l when you write him.

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Rev. William Jackson

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